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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Srilakshmi K. Kumar

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scott et al (US 6,272,562) in view of Iwan et al (US 6,496,630).

As to independent claim 1, Scott et al disclose a device for information input and/or output (Fig. 1, item 100), wherein the device has a processor (Fig. 2, item 210, col. 4, lines 20) and a display with a touch sensitive layer (Fig. 1, item 108, fingerprint scanner), wherein the display has operator control elements and information fields (Fig. 1), and wherein the device is connected to a communications network by means of a communications module that is connected to the processor (col. 4, lines 18-50); Scott et al discloses recessed mounting in Fig. 1, where item 108 is recessed. Scott et al does not disclose wherein the device is embodied such that the device fits into a frame that is suitable for a surface mounted socket. Iwan et al discloses in Figs. 1 and 2 wherein the device is suitable for a surface mount socket. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the fingerprint scanner of Iwan et al could have been mounted on the surface as it discloses a flat, framed shape.

As to dependent claim 2, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, characterized in that the recessed and surface mounted socket has a minimum internal size of 54 mm and/or a mounting hole spacing of 60 or 60.3 or 83 mm. Although Scott et al and Iwan et al do not

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disclose where the recessed and surface mounted socket has a minimum size or mounting hole, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the systems could have been altered in order to adapt to different sizes as they could be made to be of any size.

As to dependent claim 3, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the device has a maximum structural height of 12 mm. Although Scott et al and Iwan et al do not disclose maximum height; it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that they could have been made of any size.

As to dependent claim 4, limitations of claim 3, and further comprising, a light is placed behind the display, and that the light has a plastic film with a diffusion coating and an optical fiber waveguide connection. Scott et al does not disclose where a light is placed behind the display and that the light has a plastic film with a diffusion coating and an optical fiber waveguide connection. Iwan et al discloses a light (col. 8, lines 6-9), a plastic film with a diffusion coating and an optical fiber waveguide connection (col. 8, lines 10-18). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the fingerprint scanner of Scott et al could have been adapted to incorporate that of Iwan et al as Scott et al does disclose instrumentation to capture the fingerprint, but does not discuss in detail what the instrumentation would have been, therefore the system could have been that of Iwan et al which would have been advantageous as the system is clear and very concise deriving a quality image.

As to dependent claim 5, limitations of claim 4, and further comprising, wherein the display is a liquid crystal display. Although the display is not explicitly stated to be one of an LCD, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that an LCD could have been incorporated as they produce higher resolution images.

As to dependent claim 6, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the communications module communicates with the communications network constantly or at intervals (col. 6, lines 13-30, 63-col. 7, lines 5).

As to dependent claim 7, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the communications module communicates with the communications network in wireless or hard wired fashion (col. 6, lines 13-30, 63-col. 7, lines 5).

As to dependent claim 8, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the operator control elements and information fields shown by the display are programmable, and a time interval between a reprogramming of the operator control elements and information fields is specified (col. 6, lines 13-30, 63-col. 7, lines 5).

As to dependent claim 9, limitations of claim 8, and further comprising, wherein the processor rearranges the operator control elements and information fields shown by the display at predetermined time intervals on the principle of randomness (col. 6, lines 13-30, 63-col. 7, lines 5).

As to dependent claim 10, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the processor allows a configuration in which the processor offers respective configuration menus for use in the area of efficiency, physical access control, security technology and building installation practice (col. 8, lines 32-67).

As to dependent claim 11, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the device has a fingerprint sensor (Fig. 1, item 108).

As to dependent claim 12, limitations of claim 1, and further comprising, wherein the device of the invention has a card reader (Fig. 2, daughter card).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Srilakshmi K. Kumar** whose telephone number is **(703) 306 5575**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Saras, can be reached at (703) 305-9720.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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